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General and complete disarmament

Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its fifty-fifth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 55/33 J of 20 November 2000, entitled "Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol", paragraphs 1 to 4 of which read as follows:

> "The General Assembly,
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> "...
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> "1. Renews its previous call to all States to observe strictly the principles and objectives of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925, and reaffirms the vital necessity of upholding its provisions;
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> "2. Notes with appreciation the recent withdrawal of reservations by two States parties to the Geneva Protocol;
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> "3. Calls upon those States that continue to maintain reservations to the 1925 Geneva Protocol to withdraw those reservations;
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> "4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution."

2. Since the adoption of this resolution, no notifications of new withdrawals of reservations by State parties have been received by the depositary of the 1925 Geneva Protocol.

3. Should the Secretary-General receive notice of further withdrawals of reservations to the Protocol, Member States shall be duly informed of that fact.

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